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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 30, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Please note that the attorney docket number for this matter is now S16.12-0062.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 16-20.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 remain for consideration. Claims 16-20 are canceled without prejudice in view of a restriction requirement.

The Examiner imposed a restriction requirement based on an assertion that the claims described three distinct inventions. Invention I was directed to claims 1-11, 14 and 15 drawn to a prosthesis. Invention II was directed to claims 12 and 13 directed to an article. Invention III was directed to claims 16-20 directed to a method of making a prosthesis. The claims of invention III are canceled without prejudice.

Applicants hereby elect claims 1-11, 14 and 15 (Invention I) with traverse. Applicants believe that the claims of invention II can be examined without significant additional effort based on a search for Invention I.